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SUBJ: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE: HERR HEINZ HEMMING

1. HERR HEINZ HEMMING, BEIGEORDNETER (SUPERINTENDANT) OF SCHOOLS FOR THE DUSSELDORF AREA, ANTICIPATES A TWO WEEK VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS AS THE LEADER OF A COMMITTEE OF APPROXIMATELY TWENTY OFFICIALS AND EDUCATORS FROM THE DUSSELDORF CITY COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING SCHOOL PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION, SCHOOL ORGANIZATION AND MODERN TECHNIQUES IN ADULT EDUCATION. HE HAS APPROACHED US WITH A QUERY ON THE POSSIBILITY OF (1) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR U.S. INTERNAL TRAVEL AND (2) ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING THE TOUR AND ARRANGING APPROPRIATE CONTACTS AND MEETINGS IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. AT THIS WRITING, THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER THE TRIP WILL ACTUALLY TAKE PLACE. IT IS CONTINGENT UPON THE SECURING OF A GRANT FROM THE GERMAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, HERR HEMMING ANTICIPATES THAT A POSITIVE DECISION ON THIS QUESTION WILL BE FORTHCOMING WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO.

3. WE HAVE ADVISED HERR HEMMING THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE USG IS NOT VERY GOOD. HOWEVER, GIVEN OUR CONVICTION THAT THIS PROJECT DOES MERIT ASSISTANCE AND THE FACT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL IN THE PAST

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IN RESPONDING TO SIMILAR REQUESTS, WE HAVE TOLD HIM THAT WE

BELIEVE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO HELP WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITS TO VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND INTERVIEWS WITH APPROPRIATE PERSONS. HERR HEMMING IS ONE OF THE YOUNGER AND MORE ENERGETIC OF DUSSELDORF'S CITY OFFICIALS WHO IS VIEWED BY SOME AS A POSSIBLE FUTURE OBERSTADTDIREKTOR AND WE BELIEVE IT VERY MUCH IN OUR LONG TERM INTERESTS TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO HIS REQUEST.

4. DESPITE THIS LAST JUDGEMENT, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD COME UP WITH ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. THUS, THIS MESSAGE IS NOT TO MAKE SUCH A REQUEST. HOWEVER, WE DO BELIEVE WE SHOULD PROVIDE THE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WITH HERR HEMMING IF THE DEPARMTMENT COULD INDICATE ITS READINESS TO ASSIST IN MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS HERR HEMMING HAS REQUESTED. WITH THIS IN HAND, WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO PROCEED TO THE WORKING OUT OF ACTUAL DETAILS IF HERR HEMMING'S TRIP IS GIVEN THE FINACIAL GREEN LIGHT FROM GERMAN AUTHORITIES.KELLY

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